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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Sailing club is out and about on a Monday in March. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Spring has sprung. Photo courtesy of Nancy DiPietro



The Pine Island Pond from Cove Street on the first warm day in March. Photo by Ruth A. Griffin



The Marion Natural History Museum had a great time learning about Marion's history with salt work operations. We learned about their locations and why they flourished and the taxes that put them out of business. We looked at many different salt types and an amazing range of colors depending on the geology of the area where they were collected. Pink from the Himalayas, black from Iceland and several different salt textures. We had a chance to explore these different salt types including salt from Sippican Harbor with the museum's microscopes. The museum wishes to thank Sippican Historical Society Director Alanna Nelson, who did a fantastic job working with our group. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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"If Trees Could Talk"

By Sam Bishop

On Sunday, March 8, artwork submitted by Old Hammondtown School students was up for display in the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. The presentation/gallery was for the statewide Annual Arbor Day Poster Contest.

The contest is sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the US Forest Service, and the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association. The Mattapoisett Tree Committee serves as the local sponsor for the contest. It has been held for over 10 years, with this year's theme being "If Trees Could Talk."

At the library on Sunday, thirty-four 5th graders from Ms. Greta Anderson's art class at Old Hammondtown had their works laid out in the library's Meeting Room for all to see - and vote on.

Visitors received a ballot where they could rank their favorites as they circled the room and perused the art laid out in a horseshoe pattern.

Last year, there were 28 local entries with Bea Apperson clinching first place.

On Sunday, judges tallied the votes and postmarked them to the DCR by the March 15 due date. The winners of Mattapoisett's 2026 contest have not yet been announced but will be soon! Winners of the local contest will get a ribbon and a cash prize.

From there, the DCR decides on final, statewide winners. The overall first place winner will have a tree planted on the grounds of their school, as well as art/science supplies provided. The overall second and third place winners from 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade applicants will receive a recognition award as well as school supplies.

This year, Arbor Day itself falls on Friday, April 24. So, a timeless question, why "Arbor Day" and not

"Tree Day" you ask? Fun fact: there is a bit of debate on the etymology of the word "arbor." It's generally agreed that the word derives from the Latin "herba," being a place to cultivate crops, shaded by trees. Eventually, the word "arbor" was separated off in Old English to just refer to trees while "herb" remains just referring to the small plants grown.

"Forests are the lungs of the land." - Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

International Women's Day

By Sam Bishop

Sunday, March 8 was International Women's Day, a day for the observance of women, being a little over half of the population, and their struggle for rights, equity, and acknowledgement.

For a non-female to say they do not know a woman who is an unstoppable force for change and betterment is an impossibility. Whether it be our mothers, family, friends, or neighbors, women still often serve from a position left underappreciated.

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On the Cover: Mid-deliberation! Last weekend at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, art created by students of Ms. Greta Anderson's art class at Old Hammondtown School was on display. But not just any art, this was for the Annual Arbor Day Poster Contest sponsored by the state and the Mattapoisett Tree Committee. This year, the theme was "If Trees Could Talk." 34 students submitted art to be voted upon. The winner will go to the state competition in Boston. Photo by Sam Bishop

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In our own communities, such as Marion, we often speak on Elizabeth Taber and her paramount role in shaping the town's modern footprint. No Taber means no Town House, no Taber Library or Museum, no Marion Art Center, and no Tabor Academy. Among other things, without her and so many other dedicated women, there would be no Marion, at least not in any recognizable form.

That is not to say Taber's contribution saved Marion from being a dilapidated ruin, but it would truly not be Marion as it is today.

Following decades of charity and public service still blinding visible today, the widow would eventually be buried alongside her husband and children in Acushnet. Born Elizabeth Pitcher, her parents, Theophilus and Sarah Pitcher are both buried in Marion's Evergreen Cemetery, along with some of her siblings.

Back to the world stage, the international day of observance has an interesting, albeit surprising history and origin (it's sort of like Labor Day). The first observation of a day for women being by the Socialist Party of America (now defunct) right after the turn of the century in 1909 where women's rights and suffragette demonstrations were held in New York City on February 28. There were more widespread demonstrations in 1911, though the fighting of the Great War would silence many voices.

Women in America would attain their right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, able to vote in their first federal election later that year with Warren G. Harding elected the 29th President.

How we get to March 8 being an *International Women's Day* came 13 years later, when Vladimir Lenin, first Premier of the Soviet Union, declared March 8, 1922, to be the first international day for celebrating women. The United Nations would accept and promote the day in 1977, making next year's day the 50th widely observed.

Why Do Women Live Longer Than Men?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

As of 2024, while the average life expectancy in the U.S. climbed to 79, there was a striking and persistent gap between men and women. Women lived an average of 81.4 years, men 76.5. This five-year difference has been consistent over recent decades.

Why do women live so much longer than men?

Some of the difference is biologic and not anything men can change. Women have two X chromosomes, men one. This means that women have "backup" for loss of X chromosome gene deletions or losses. There is some animal data suggesting that the male

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Y chromosome has deleterious effects.

Women have stronger immune responses, letting them better fight off infections (but also making them more prone to auto-immune diseases like lupus).

Women have much more circulating estrogen than men, which seems to delay the onset of coronary disease, though women "catch up" after menopause when their estrogen levels drop.

There are many factors over which men do have control. Men are more likely than women to smoke and drink heavily, both negative factors for longevity.

Men are more likely to work in hazardous occupations (construction, fishing, forestry, police and fire, etc.) than women. Men also engage in more risky behaviors such as speeding in cars, fighting and extreme sports.

Women are much better than men at looking after their health – getting regular checkups, seeing a doctor if something seems wrong. Men tend to avoid doctors until forced to.

Women generally have much better social networks, a consistent factor promoting longevity. Men's friendships tend to be less intense and less personal.

So, while we cannot (yet) engraft a second X chromosome into men, there are a lot of things men can do to emulate women and hopefully add a few years to their lives.

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The Eve of Evacuation

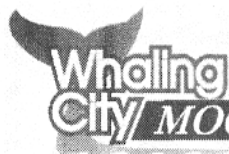
This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in

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and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. Last week, at long last, the Continental Army began the "hot" phase of the Siege of Boston as artillery atop Dorchester Heights, brought east by Colonel Henry Knox from Ticonderoga, began to rain down metal on the Shawmut Peninsula that Boston occupies. Around 6,000 men occupy the top of the highlands with many hundreds of others guarding the neck heading towards the city. The British had tried for a push towards Dorchester, with much of the approaching seas frozen, but have been unable to get close, nor can their cannons in the city shoot American positions. Boston is surrounded at all sides as casualties mount and options dwindle for the British.

On March 8, 1776, Boston has been shelled by

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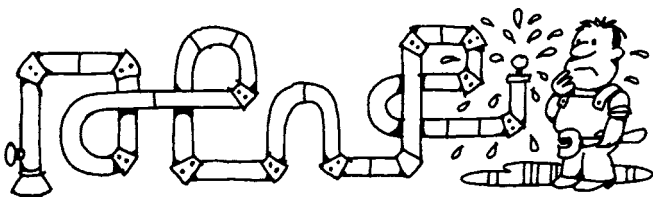
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American artillery for the past three day. At this time too, many British ships were in range of the guns atop Dorchester Heights, leading to immense anxiety to the defenders. The Boston Selectmen wrote to General George Washington, saying, "As his Excellency General Howe is determined to leave the town with the troops under his command, a number of the respectable inhabitants being very anxious for its preservation and safety, have applied to General Robertson for this purpose, who at their request has communicated the same to his Excellency General Howe, who has assured him that he has no intention of destroying the town unless the troops under his command are molested during their embarkation." Is that it then; Howe pledges to leave the city?

That same day, the four Selectmen, Samuel Austin, Thomas Marshall, Timothy Newell, and John Scolley left the city and crossed the neck with white flag in hand. They affirm that Howe intends to leave the city but has threatened to destroy it should he not be allowed to leave the city with his roughly 11,000 men, soldiers and loyalists citizens, in peace.

The next day, General Washington finally sends an update to President John Hancock in Philadelphia after nearly a week of no writings. He gives a timeline of events so far, saying, "When the enemy first discovered our works in the morning, they seemed to be in great confusion, and from their movements to have intended an attack," though mentions their good fortune had made it impossible.

However, that night, a counter-attacks begins. This time, a successful one. The British open fire from across the city towards Dorchester, targeting Nook's Hill, the nearest hill towards Boston. Lieutenant Isaac Bangs from Harwich on Cape Cod would write in his journal, "Heavy fire from the shipping in the harbor from several of the wharves & from several batteries; such a firing, before was never before heard in New England they killed 4 men with one ball." This devastating attack shattered the seeming invincibility of the Continental Army's Position, but it did nothing to halt the siege. Bangs would add, "the next morning we picked up 700 balls that they had fired upon us."

On March 12, Boston Selectmen Timothy Newell would write in his journal aptly named "A Journal Kept During the Time that Boston was Shut Up in 1775 - 6," "The Inhabitants are greatly distressed thro-fear the Town would be set on fire by the Soldiers."

That would prove to be the final push though, as General Howe would issue a proclamation to those in the city the next day, confirming a British withdrawal from the city was eminent. It would be published in the *Pennsylvania Evening Post* a month later, allowing us to read it today, "As linen and woolen goods are articles much wanted by the rebels, and would aid and assist them in their rebellion, the Commander in Chief expects that all good subjects will use their utmost endeavors to have all such articles conveyed from this place. Any

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As the 11,000 evacuees got organized, ships amassed in the harbor all while shelling continued. American privateers, staying near the coast, harassed the British frigates and even managed to capture some supply ships. Abigail Adams, wife of the future president, would herself count around 170 ships in the harbor as she watched on with other spectators from afar.

On March 13, Washington again write to Hancock, mentioning the eminent capture of the city and the British departure, saying, "I mentioned the intelligence I had received respecting the embarkation of the troops from Boston & fully expected before this, that the town would have been entirely evacuated - Although I have been deceived and was rather premature in the opinion I had then formed, I have little reason to doubt but the event will take place in a very short time." The British await favorable winds for the departure, and it has been stormy with sporadic hail the last weeks.

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He tells Hancock he expects the retreating troops to either go north towards Halifax or south. Either way, he fears a retaliatory strike on Boston is next. They await the full retreat as the winds rage and the sea outside the harbor swells.

An Update On Hannah Strom

By Sam Bishop

International Women's Day was this past Sunday, and it doesn't take much to look around at the half of the population whose strength and determination better the world. One such notably woman is Hannah Strom, who after her life took an unexpected turn in 2020 showed those in her home in Marion that though life can be unfair



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at times, you don't need to give up.

Though Hannah now resides just outside Boston, those in Marion and the region all know her story. To recap, On January 15, 2020, Hannah, at the time a Sophomore and member of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester's rowing team, was in Vero Beach training with her team when their team van got in an accident with a pickup truck. Strom's teammate and friend 20-year-old Grace Rett tragically died in the crash. Eleven members of the team suffered injuries, including Hannah who, along with a broken femur and pelvis, suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and was placed in a medically induced coma.

About a week after the accident, she was flown

north back to Massachusetts where she had rehab at Spaulding Rehab Hospital. Finally, Hannah had a homecoming a few months later, on June 3. Hundreds lined the streets of Marion to welcome her back to her home on Pitcher Street. Through this time, the Stroms, owners of Kool-Kone ice cream shop, held various fundraisers and events through their business.

Over six years have passed since the accident, and Hannah faced the challenges head-on and has pushed hard to rebuild both her body and her life. In recent years, Strom attended Quincy College's PTA program, working to become a physical therapist.

She became a TBI Ambassador with Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center (MSKTC) that works to advocate for and assist in the rehabilitation of those with spinal cord injuries (SCI), TBI, and burn injuries. They offer online courses, videos, and other help, as well as running a database of information pertaining to the injuries and their recoveries.

In her drive to become an ambassador and activist, Hanna said in her bio that she was "motivated to reduce stigma, uplift survivor voices, and connect individuals and families with resources that encourage independence, resilience, and a higher quality of life."

Though her recent work as a rehabilitation aide, Hannah has assisted others in the recovery process she herself fought through at the same center she herself was a patient. She mentioned the full days of therapy and the hard work of those she now works alongside allowing her to give back. "From where I was, I can't believe I've come so far," she said in a video made by MSKTC. Using what she gained from others as well as what she has learned on her path, she has dedicated herself to helping others with TBI.

Though the work was hard and the journey to recovery may not be a short one, Hannah Strom's resilience and determination to give back and help others are a light of positivity to others she assists and inspires.

She works hard and regularly posts updates on her ongoing journey. "Grief is a synonym for love. Where there is love, there will be grief. They say that grief is just love, with no place to go. To this, I agree," she said. To

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The Seaside Gardener

Laura McLean

What a killjoy the weather can be. Still, it takes more than a late season blizzard to put the kibosh on our hopes and plans. I mean as visionaries, we gardeners can see and feel beyond nature's little pranks.

Isn't that what we set out to do each spring? With our creative minds, earnest souls, and hardworking bodies we make things grow, tend them and harvest the results. I keep that in mind while rubbing my feet together to keep them warm. My fingers are busy writing a script for the growing season that is just around the corner.

Somehow, I think writing this column makes me more thoughtful about my garden practices. I consider it an adventure just as gardening is a kind of adventure. It's a bold, exciting undertaking with an outcome quite unknown and guaranteed to bring many joyful days in the execution.

We hatch plans that in turn hatch more - all part of the adventure. Whether you take your first step with routine precision or a more serendipitous approach, here are ten ways to get started.

1. Clean up the debris of winter, smoothing all



the battle scars - branches, withered leaves and uneven soil and in my yard the displacement of shells from our driveway. In doing so you will have a preview of the shoots and buds marching toward the light. You'll also get some good old-fashioned exercise and fresh air! A feel-good experience at many levels. I have my work cut out for me with many fallen limbs strewn that should provide many man hours of workout. (Rather than groaning, I'm putting a positive spin on the situation).

2. Make a template for a new garden and map out the design - one with uplifting elements and your own unique tastes. Make haste - dig out the garden location and gently loosen the soil, careful not to over-till it, while allowing nutrients and oxygen in.

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3. Seeds glorious seeds! You can start seeds indoors in pots now until early April, aiming for 6-8 weeks before the last frost (late May). Start slow-growers like peppers and onions and some perennials now; tomatoes, cabbage, kale and herbs mid-to-late-March; and faster-growing vegetables like cucumbers, summer squash and melons in April. Use a seed starting mix and a heat mat or a radiator for initiating seed development. After the seedlings have sprouted give them six-plus hours of light from a sunny, south-facing window or grow lights. Move plants outdoors after the last frost (Memorial Day to be on the safe side).

4. Invest in a cold frame to protect your vulnerable seedlings during the inconsistent spring

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nighttime temperatures. In a pinch you can cover seedlings with a garden cloche or an overturned bucket or pot, but cold frames are the best method



of creating an area with stable temperature for giving seedlings a head start in spring. They also help see many cold hardy plants through the fall.

5. If you are ordering plants online, remember to schedule it out for when the ground is warmer (above 40 degrees) and drier. The biggest mistake growers make is planting in cold and muddy soil. You're usually safe with delivery in early May. Meanwhile get the beds ready and read up on the plants you intend to install.

6. Sharpen your pruners and get going on Clematis jackmanii and C. Vitcella varieties. Old deciduous hedges should be hard pruned in spring where necessary and then fed well to encourage new growth. (We bought a 10-10-10 fertilizer today for that purpose). Keep off the spring- blooming trees - but prune roses when they bud out. It's a good time to cut back fruit trees

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if you have not done so yet. Watch out for signs of frost damage, but don't pull out a plant that appears to be dead. It may show signs of revival in early summer and can then be trimmed of any deadwood.

7. Admittedly not the most exciting task, it's time to turn the compost pile and burn the sticks and brush (be sure to get a permit). Provided it is dry, use some of that fresh compost and seasoned manure to top-dress your gardens. No need to dig it in, as you'll disturb precious ecosystems. Nutrients added from the top will work their way down.

8. Early spring is the best time to repair trellises and fences. Getting it done before plants begin to grow ensures that the structural elements are ready for the summer season. I always seem to have something that needs repair. [Note to self: reinstall two greenhouse windows that were blown out by the storm].

9. When the garden finally defrosts and the soil crumbles it's time to plant early spring vegetables. Normally I plant peas on St. Patrick's day, but this year hasn't been typical. Soggy soil won't do. It's not advisable to plant in wet, compacted soil, as the reduced aeration will hinder. But soon (if the weather doesn't go bad again) I'll put in some peas, spinach, lettuce and leeks.

10. One absolute necessity for me this year is inventorying all the contents of my shed and greenhouse. It's time to pare down. (I say that every year). I don't know how things get disheveled out there, but they do.



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Chicken supplies, bee supplies, garden tools... I want to bring it back to a place of inspiration - a more peaceful space with a view of the grape vine. In the short window that is the growing season, we all need to keep organized. Perhaps this will give us more time to smell the roses.

"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose, I would always greet it in a garden." - Ruth Stout.

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Marion Finance Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Finance Committee met on Thursday, March 5 to discuss ongoing preparations for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. This time, they mainly focused on

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the Department of Public Works and the Facilities Department budgets.

Following the approval of minutes from the committee's prior three meetings, Chair Sean Healy moved to discuss the upcoming budget for Facilities. Facilities Director Shaun Cormier began, stating there were two main lines that would require budget increases for the next year. Those being, the Town House and Marion Police Station.

Cost increases for the Town House, Cormier said, are "mostly due to the increase in services with the renovation project." He mentioned the installation of the new sprinkler system, that along with their incorporation into the building, which turns 150 this year, must also be regularly checked and maintained. He also pointed to the new HVAC system and its accompanying heat pumps and ductwork.

Cormier added he was able to remove \$800 allocated for overtime in previous years to help tackle the increased budget line items next year. He said the "big raise" was to property maintenance contract services, with an increase of \$4,000 pertaining mostly to renovation work. Another noted increase was vehicle maintenance on the department's four aging vehicles, a raise of \$1,500 from last year's budget to cover additional needs found with older utility vehicles and trucks. An ongoing discussion was the age and constant maintenance needs of the department's vehicles.

Next, the FinCom moved to DPW where the hour-and-a-half long budget discussion was broken down into categories: highway, utility, water, and sewer. As there were many sporadic increases, it was discussed that a general 2% increase in most line items would be typical as to keep with rising costs.

First, for highway, there is a 22.2% increase in licenses and certifications. It was explained by DPW Director Jody Dickerson that "the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has put more requirements on my employees. They need special licenses to use the side arm mower, one to use a street sweeper." He attributed this budget jump to state-mandated trainings and certifications. There is also a 2.5% increase in overtime

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costs, which he noted was different than other departments' overtime. For the DPW, overtime is mostly for emergency call-outs, funeral/bereavement leave, and work at the Transfer Station on Saturdays (as DPW employee contracts specify they work Monday-Friday).

Dickerson mentioned they went over the overtime budget this year due to lengthy and unpredictable snow removal by somewhere <\$100,000, though it hasn't been fully calculated yet. Another large cost was trash pickup, with the Director citing not just Marion as facing sourcing costs for the service, though he said he is working with the Town Administrator to look for alternative options. Currently, it costs the town around \$50,000/month with concerns that it will continue the rise.

For water, Dickerson mentioned new buildings: the Harbormaster's Maritime Center and the new DPW facility. These will see increased water usage by the town. He mentioned that solar would be added to the DPW building this spring or summer, which will help curb electricity costs. They are also looking to add solar generation to the top of the nearby landfill, though that is in early stages of investigation.

It was noted the FinCom wants to meet with the Marine Resource Commission to plan out their FY27 budget, as well as consult with them on harbor fees and management.

Along with increased water use from the new buildings, Dickerson said the DPW has to replace the waterline feeding the hydrant at Island Wharf as well as the Maritime Center itself. With this work, they are also seeking the installation of additional hydrants to give more coverage to the village.

There is still planning to be done and much preparation left before FY27 by the town. The FinCom commended the DPW on their hard work during the recent snow and its subsequent clearing.

The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee was scheduled for Thursday, March 12 where they were to discuss ORR and Sippican budgets with Superintendent Mike Nelson.



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Cases Continued - Cases Heard

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

The March 9 meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission had an agenda featuring cases where action was taken, though most cases were continued to future meetings.

In the continued category, the commission, at the request of the applicant, continued the Notice of Intent filed by Mattapoisett Offshore IV Ltd for the construction of a pool, garage, sports courts, porches, replacement deck, and landscaping at 23 Holy Woods.

Also continued was the Notice of Intent filed by Stephen Vaites for determination of right-of-way for clearing activities. The Commission believed the filing required a Certificate of Compliance for work previously conditioned and comments (if any) from the DEP needed to be processed. The location of the action being requested is Bryne Avenue and Shell Beach Road.

Continued until March 23 was the Notice of Intent filed by Thomas and Patricia Lee for property located at 14 Barstow Street for the construction of a new home in the flood plain. The case is awaiting a DEP file number. Abutter questions regarding storm water management were addressed by Rick Charon of Charon and Associates who noted that roof runoff will be channeled into a below surface recharge system. This is the site of the former Presto Press.

Conditioned was the Notice of Intent filed by Neil and Cynthia Musamte, 4 Dyar Road, for the construction of an elevator shaft for the elevated residence.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for March 23.

Push Back on Mary's Pond Rezoning

Rochester Planning Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Planning Board Tuesday held a public hearing at the COA packed with very vocal residents on a proposal to rezone lots on Mary's Pond Road and County Road from Residential to Limited Commercial.



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The board was poised to approve passing the amendment to rezone four lots at 0 Mary's Pond Road, 711 Mary's Pond Road, 475 Mary's Pond Road, and 35 and 73 County Road on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant even as abutters voiced arguments against it that focused on what the changes might do to their neighborhood.

Chair Arnold Johnson began Tuesday's meeting by explaining that the goal is to better protect Mary's Pond with lighter development than multiple houses. The owner of the largest Mary's Pond Road property has expressed interest in building 12 single-family homes there. The rezoning to Limited Commercial could help that developer make other choices and give town boards more control on what goes in there. He said this is a proactive step to limit housing development there. He noted owners of existing lots in the area will not lose their rights. He explained it provides a potential developer with other options. Because two lots were removed from the original proposal and another was added at the board's last meeting, the hearing had to be re-posted and conducted again.

Residents responded by bombarding the board with concerns about the change's impact on their area of Mary's Pond Road. "Will this truly strengthen the town against housing development on the pond?" one resident asked. Johnson answered "yes, it will." Jackie Souza of 507 Mary's Pond Road asked if one of these lots was

behind her home. After being shown the zoning map, she told *The Wanderer* she was not happy at all with what she saw.

"Why not take the Marion Road bogs off the rezone?" a resident asked. "Keep Rochester as a farming town," she said.

Johnson said the developer has expressed his intent to not farm the bogs but build on them.

"The town has to have additional options available," Town Administrator Cameron Durant answered. "less environmentally impactful ones."

Another resident argued that the zoning change move is reactionary rather than proactive. It's reacting to one developer and is like spot zonings she said.



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Another asked if the eight parcels would go to town meeting separately so voters can choose or as one 'all or nothing' proposal. Johnson said before voting on moving the plan to Town Meeting that the board would break up the parcels into separate warrant articles.

In other action, the board approved the Site Plan Review permit for a plan to create a second home lot from an existing 5.25-acre parcel at 314 Neck Road.

The board advanced to Town Council for their approval a proposed new Planning Board regulation that places special conditions on land swaps within subdivisions.

The board continued until its next meeting its hearing into a modification of the Definitive Subdivision

Plan permit for the previously approved Snipatuit Pond Estates at Gerrish and Bishop Road. It is a proposal to swap two parcels of open space to create a 3.578-acre buildable lot on one of them.

The board also continued to its next meeting the Site Plan Review hearing on a proposal to clear and re-grade land behind Town Hall for an 8,220-square foot parking lot.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Bulldogs Bow out

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Old Rochester's boys basketball team played in the Round of 16 of the MIAA Division 3 state tournament against Cathedral on March 3 and lost, 70-46. Grady Oliveira scored 17 points for ORR, and Noah Thorell and Brody Hiles both had 8 points. The Bulldogs, seeded seventh, went 1-1 in the tournament, finishing the season with an overall record of 14-8.

Girls Basketball

The Bulldogs played at North Reading in the Round of 16 on March 4, and lost 57-34, ending their run in the MIAA Division 3 state tournament. ORR, seeded 10th, went 1-1 in the tournament, finishing the season with an overall record of 17-5.

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To The Editor

On March 3, 2026, the Selectboard and Planning Board held a joint meeting to choose a candidate to fill a temporary vacancy on the Planning Board. Several residents stepped forward to serve. After interviews and discussion, the vote between the two finalists resulted in a 3-3 tie. A subsequent tie-breaker vote of 5-3 determined that Mr. Sean Sweeney would serve in the interim role for the next four Planning Board meetings.

Both finalists brought meaningful experience to the table, and the willingness of residents to volunteer for public service deserves recognition. Given the short duration of the appointment, however, it is worth reflecting on the backgrounds of the two candidates and how their experience might align with the immediate responsibilities of the Planning Board.

Mr. Sweeney has lived in Marion intermittently



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since 2006 and has spent roughly 40 years working in the construction industry as a civil engineer. In addition to his engineering background, he holds both a Juris Doctor degree and an MBA in finance. These credentials represent a broad professional background and suggest familiarity with technical, legal, and financial issues that can intersect with development projects and regulatory review.

Although the Planning Board does not function as a construction firm, law practice, or financial institution, many matters that come before the board involve development proposals, site design, and compliance with regulations. Experience in engineering and construction can therefore provide useful insight into the practical

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realities of building projects and infrastructure.

The other finalist, Ann Morgan, has lived in Marion for about two years and brings a career focused directly on municipal planning. With approximately 40 years of experience in the field, she recently retired as Director of Planning and Economic Development for the Town of Webster, a community with nearly twice the population of Marion.

Ms. Morgan's professional background closely reflects the core responsibilities of a planning board: guiding orderly growth, reviewing development proposals, interpreting zoning bylaws, issuing certain special permits, and helping shape long-range planning through documents such as the town's Master Plan.

Her academic preparation includes a master's degree in regional planning and a bachelor's degree in environmental design with a minor in art history.

During the interview process, Ms. Morgan also demonstrated familiarity with Marion's planning framework. When asked whether she had reviewed the town's 2017 Master Plan, she confirmed that she had and observed that the document appeared outdated. Her response suggested that she had already begun reviewing key planning materials and considering how they relate to Marion's future.

In the end, the joint boards selected Mr. Sweeney to serve in the interim role, and the decision reflects the judgment of the members who cast their votes that evening. At the same time, the comparison between these two candidates highlights the range of expertise residents bring when they step forward to serve.

As Marion continues to plan for its future, the community benefits most when experience, preparation, and thoughtful public discussion guide the selection of those entrusted with shaping the town's growth and preservation.

Eileen J. Marum, Marion

Mattapoissett Lions Annual Egg Hunt

The Mattapoissett Lions will host the annual egg hunt on Saturday, **March 28** at Ned's Point at 11:00 am sharp. All children are invited. Be there a little early and don't forget a basket. This event goes by fast.

Mattapoissett Lions Senior Dinner

The Mattapoissett Lions Club Senior Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 18 at 12:00 pm for local seniors at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church. There is no fee for the meal, and the dinner includes full turkey dinner, with fixings and dessert. Participants and individuals who need meals can contact the Council on aging at: coadirector@mattapoissett.gov or (508)-758-4110 to report attendance or need for meal delivery. Any questions about the senior dinner can be directed to Jeffrey Swift, 508-758-3666.



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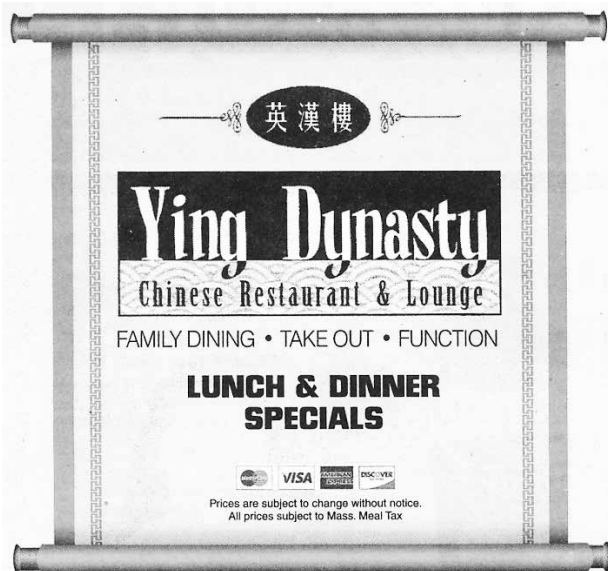


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7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Jonathan Henry
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - 75th Anniversary Documentary
10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Past Pastimes
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Rail Trail
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM MAC Jazz Jam
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Gustav Holst
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Mysteries of the Midwater
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday March 13, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Rail Trail
11:30 AM Tabor Academy

Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Rochester Affordable Housing Inc ADU Presentation
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
3:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Jonathan Henry
5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Cathedral
6:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Whittier Regional Voc Tech
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltroc with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday March 14, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:30 PM The Human Truth - with Chuck McIntyre
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Jonathan Henry
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Historical What If's with Kirt Mead
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Saving Fisheries
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltroc with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation with...

10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday March 15, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford
5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center
7:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs New Bedford
8:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Whittier Regional Voc Tech
9:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday March 16, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
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6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Dr. Michael Moore
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of Southeastern Mass
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday March 17, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!
6:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

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7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltroc with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
2:30 PM Money Matters
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
4:00 PM Tri-Town Veteran's Day Events
6:00 PM Building the Future
6:30 PM Pete on the Street
7:00 PM World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
9:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! With David Green
10:30 PM Mattapoisett Women's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
11:00 PM Classic Movies

MARION GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 39 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Marion Finance Commission
11:00 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
11:30 AM Marion Water and Sewer
1:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
4:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
4:30 PM Marion Board of Health
5:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
6:30 PM ORR School Committee
7:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee
9:00 PM Marion Finance Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

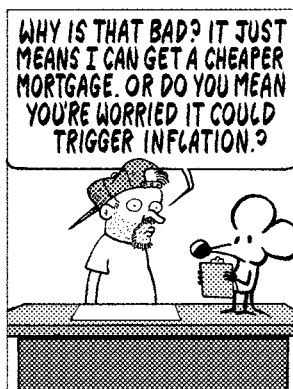
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
11:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
2:00 PM Rochester School Committee
3:30 PM ORR School Committee
4:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
6:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
6:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
9:00 PM Old Colony New Building Discussion

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 37 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Bulldog Sports
9:00 AM Old Colony New Building Update
10:30 AM RMS Promotion Ceremony
11:30 AM Old Colony Exploratory Day
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM ORRJHS Winter Concert
2:30 PM ORR Winter Concert
3:30 PM ORR Homecoming Pep Rally
4:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Bourne
5:30 PM ORR Promenade 2025
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Monomoy
8:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Seekonk
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Celebrating American Musical Theater

On Sunday, **March 22** at 3:00 pm, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will continue its 2025–2026 concert season with a program embracing Broadway's bountiful productions over the decades entitled "Celebrating American Musical Theater." The program will highlight some of the most important composers within the genre, focusing on music that has transformed The Great White Way and formed the varied and expressive repertoire that we continue to enjoy today. Music from Jerome Kern, Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Harold Arlen and Stephen Schwartz will be performed in a variety of instrumental settings. Vocalist Heather Corrigan will sing a triptych of Jason Robert Brown selections that were specially arranged for her by Fairhaven pianist/arranger Matt Richard.

Heather Corrigan is an actress and voiceover artist from New York City. Raised in Marion, she has always been drawn to the stage, and after graduating from Tabor Academy went on to attend the School of Theater at the University of Southern California. She

has appeared onstage in New York, Los Angeles, and across the country. Theater credits include Kiss Me Kate, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown (Best Actress Award), Angels in America, A Midsummer Night's Dream and many, many workshops in NYC. Most recently she played the lead role in "Last Out; Elegy of A Green Beret" and toured the country with the Gary Sinise Foundation and a cast of Veterans. Film/tv: "The Small", "Ain't that Life", "Journey into the Abyss", and the award-winning film "Stuck". She is the recipient of Audiofile's Earphones Award for her contribution to Muriel Barbery's "Gourmet Rhapsody," and received a starred review from Publishers Weekly for her narration of the young adult title, "When She Woke." Other popular books she has recorded for

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Maryann E. DeMello, 59, of New Bedford, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2026, at Brigham and Women's Hospital after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born and raised in New Bedford, she was the daughter of Norbert DeMello and his wife Cheryl DeMello of Mattapoisett and the late Madeline E. (Perreira) DeMello. Maryann raised her family in Marion before returning to New Bedford.

Maryann was a beautiful soul filled with curiosity, creativity, and joy. A devoted lover of books, she owned and operated Castle Books in Wareham, MA for several years before deciding to share her passion for language and literature by becoming an English teacher. Over the last 14 years, she inspired countless students and formed lasting friendships with colleagues who admired her warmth, humor, and dedication. Her classroom was a place where stories lived, imagination thrived, and every student felt seen.

At the time of her passing, she was employed as an 8th grade English teacher at Whaling City Junior/Senior High School in New Bedford. Prior to that, she spent 13 years teaching 8th grade English at Roosevelt Junior High School in New Bedford, where she made a lasting impact on the lives of her students and colleagues.

Maryann cherished flowers and spent many happy hours working in a flower shop before becoming a teacher. Her sense of adventure led her to explore places she loved, most recently Portugal, where she enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime trip with her family and created memories that will never be forgotten. Aruba and Nantucket were also among her favorite places.

Maryann had a playful and imaginative spirit. She especially loved Halloween and trips to King Richard's Faire, where she delighted in the magic, laughter, and fantasy of the experience. A devoted fan of storytelling and adventure, she enjoyed the worlds of Harry Potter, Game of Thrones, Star Wars, and Anime. Her treasured Snow White collection reflected her deep love of fairy tales and their enchantment. To family and friends, she will forever be remembered as Snow White.

Her memory lives on in the students she taught, the friends she cherished, and the family who loved her deeply.

She is survived by her father, Norbert DeMello; her stepmother, Cheryl DeMello; her stepchildren, Carolyn Horseman and her husband Tim Harding of Rochester, and Derek Horseman and his wife Kristy of Fairhaven; her brother, Randy DeMello and his girlfriend Kolina Kirkham of Mattapoisett; her sister-in-law, Jennifer DeMello of Fairhaven; two stepsisters, Kristin Gorman of Lakeville and Karley Roberts of Bristol, RI; and a stepbrother, Blake Roberts of Irving, TX.

She also leaves behind her niece and nephew, Alexa

DeMello and Andrew DeMello and his fiancée Lexie Viveiros, as well as three cherished grandchildren, Nathan Oliveira, Hailey Harding, and William Harding.

She was the stepmother of the late Brian Oliveira.

Her visiting hours was held on Tuesday, March 10th at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, March 11th at St. Mary's Church, 440 Main Street, Fairhaven. Burial followed at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Flowers are welcome, or donations in her memory may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215.



Jeanne (Sadeck) Bancroft, 92, of New Bedford, MA died peacefully at home on March 4, 2026, surrounded by her family after a long illness.

She was the wife of the late William Bancroft, with whom she shared 51 years of marriage.

Born on February 2, 1934 in New Bedford, daughter of the late Marshall C. and Eva A. (Chicoine) Sadeck, she resided there in the city until moving to Mattapoisett in 1974 and residing there for many years.

She was the loving mother of 5 children, Colleen Gordon and her husband Herbert of Fairhaven and New Bedford, Kathleen Tavares and her husband Anthony of Stuart, FL, Debra Kershaw and her husband John of Maui, HI and Joyce Lavoie and her husband Regis of Mattapoisett. She was the mother of the late Daniel Bancroft. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Cheryl Bancroft of Oviedo, FL; 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren (with another on the way) which she loved and cherished throughout her life.

She was a faithful and active parishioner of Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in New Bedford for 74 years, and served actively there in many capacities. She was a long-time member of the Holy Name Couples Club for many years, serving on many committees to facilitate dances, dinners, raffles, and bazaars to raise funds to support the parish. She was also a member of the Holy Name Ladies Guild for many years as well.

A long-time member of the Holy Name Church choir, along with her husband, she contributed her beautiful soprano voice to every Sunday Mass and at various other parish events.

For most of her adult life she was a charter member of the Greater New Bedford Garden Club, adding botanical beauty to various historical sites and venues throughout the city.

In later years, she enjoyed traveling throughout many

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beautiful parts of Europe including Switzerland, Rome, Milan, Florence and Venice, Italy as well as various parts of our own country with her husband as well.

Jeanne was known to have a sparkling, engaging personality and style who enjoyed life thoroughly - whether sewing and cooking for her family, playing cards or Rummy Cube, traveling on day trips with friends, or simply engaging in good conversation with all who knew her.

Jeanne Bancroft was a cherished wife, a gentle, loving mother and grandmother, and a good, loyal friend to many who knew her. She will be greatly missed by all of her family, she has now left behind, and by all who were privileged to be called her friend.

May she rest now in peace for all eternity until we meet again.

Her Funeral will be held on Thursday, March 12th at 9 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St., New Bedford, followed by her Funeral Mass at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church at 10 am. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Wednesday, March 11th from 4-7 pm. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Southcoast Hospice 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719 or Holy Name Ladies Guild 121 Mount Pleasant St. New Bedford, MA 02740. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



In loving memory of **Vickie Carr**, whose life was a testament to the power of words, compassion, and unwavering love, we announce her peaceful passing at home in Mattapoisett on March 6, 2026, after a courageous battle with a long illness. Born on July 7, 1956, in Quantico, Virginia,

Vickie's journey was one marked by remarkable achievements and profound connections.

Vickie's early years were shaped by her insatiable love for literature. This passion led her to Syracuse University, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in English and Journalism in 1978. Her pursuit of knowledge and creativity continued at Antioch University, where she attained a Master's degree in Creative Writing in 1982. These academic achievements laid the foundation for a career that would touch countless lives.

As an award-winning journalist, Vickie's voice resonated with truth and empathy. Her dedication to honest storytelling earned her the prestigious Edward R. Murrow award for her work with National Public Radio, along with a Best News Story award from the New England Press Association. Vickie's commitment to raising awareness about critical issues was further recognized with the Sword of Hope award from the American Cancer Society in 1984. Her literary talents extended beyond journalism, as she published several short stories in acclaimed literary magazines, leaving a lasting

mark on the world of literature.

Beyond her professional achievements, Vickie was known for her boundless kindness and generosity. She had an extraordinary ability to put others before herself, often offering a listening ear and a warm smile to those in need. Her love for reading enriched her life and inspired those around her to explore new worlds through literature.

Vickie is survived by her devoted husband of 46 years, Paul Bergstein, whose partnership and love were a constant source of strength and joy in her life. She is also lovingly remembered by her siblings, Cindy Fiedler, Terry Tomasello, Rob Bruno, and Richard Bruno. Vickie was predeceased by her beloved son, Nicholas Carr Bergstein, whose memory she cherished dearly.

A wake in memory of Vickie's life will take place on Thursday, March 12, 2026 from 4-6 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. Family, friends, and all whose lives were touched by Vickie are invited to gather in remembrance and gratitude for the legacy she leaves behind. Her burial in Cushing Cemetery will be held privately. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff and volunteers at Community Nurse of Fairhaven, MA for their unwavering support and compassionate care during Vickie's illness. Your kindness and dedication brought comfort and peace to Vickie and her loved ones in her final days. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Community Nurse. Donations can be made online at <https://www.communitynurse.com/support/donate/>.

Vickie's spirit will forever echo in the hearts of those who knew her, as we carry forward her legacy of kindness, love, and dedication to truth.



Margaret M. (Walsh) Bancroft, 86, formerly of Mattapoisett died peacefully March 6, 2026 at Sacred Heart Home after a period of declining health.

Born September 9, 1939 in New Bedford, the daughter of James J. and Agnes (McGrath) Walsh, she married David A. Bancroft, her high school sweetheart.

They started their married life near Buttonwood Park in New Bedford's West End. In 1974, they moved to Mattapoisett to raise their family. She was a communicant of St Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett.

Margaret was proud of her parents Newfoundland heritage and enjoyed visiting the various Cape Shore communities they hailed from on the Avalon Peninsula.

She was a lover of "going to the beach". She could be found almost every day in the summer either sitting in the sun or quahogging at Shining Tides Beach in Mattapoisett.

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Common Waters: Once Removed, Always Returning

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present the opening of Common Waters: Once Removed, Always Returning. The show features the art of Lou Schellenberg & Susan Darwin. It opens on March 21 and will run through April 17. There will be a reception from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on **March 21** at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant St, Marion, MA.

Unusually, each artist will command a floor at the MAC for this exhibition. Both artists work from observation, reference, and memory, creating colorful paintings filled with experiences of places they know and travel to. In addition to having successful lifelong careers in art, Susan and Lou are cousins who share a love of Buzzards Bay, where they have common roots. More information can be found at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit.

Susan Darwin (upstairs at the MAC) is in the midst of her 10-Year Location Series which increasingly brings her to remote locations. Susan began her 10-year Location Series in 2020, turning her attention to a different location each year and creating 20 paintings annually that serve as a visual essay of what that location inspires

and what it means to her. In a hurried world, where we are all caught up in our own stories, this series examines how a location can have the power not only to define us, but to awaken us and hopefully teach us to be here at any given moment. Starting at a grand property on the banks of the Hudson River, she painted natural objects and tranquil scenes at the Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie, New York, in 2020; produced a variety of paintings having to do with New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 2021; made works pertaining to life and land in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 2022; captured the diversity of the towns, flora, and fauna of New Jersey in 2023; and then traveled the East Coast in 2024, painting a 6.5-pound lobster and other sea creatures as well as vistas from Newfoundland to Florida. In the sixth year of the series, 2025, she traveled Cross Country looking for inspiration. Darwin says: "This past year took me to California and up the West Coast to Oregon. I was also





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Known as Maggie or Margie to some and Margo to others, she had a spitfire personality and a huge sense of humor. She enjoyed playing a practical joke as much as having one played on her. She found ways to ease the pressure in tense situations. She was an outgoing and approachable personality that made people feel relaxed, comfortable and at ease. She had a sensitivity to realizing someone in a group was not feeling comfortable and helping them navigate the landscape. Maggie was someone you could talk to in confidence and knew it wasn't going any further. She had a knack for taking people under her wing and letting them know everything was going to be alright.

Maggie was an enormous lover of animals, especially her dogs. There was always a menagerie of different creatures that became a part of the family. Her husband always feared one day he might come home and find a horse taking up residence in the family room.

Maggie was a voracious reader and lover of books. Her passion for reading started at a young age. She organized, introduced the Dewey Decimal System and served as librarian at Holy Family Grammar School when her children were enrolled there. That passion continued into the library room she had built at her home in Mattapoisett.

Later in life she had the ability to travel to Switzerland and the alpine countries, Scandinavia, the Baltic region and Russia. She took herself on a transatlantic cruise. She always enjoyed spending time with her children in the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, other Caribbean Islands and skiing in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Margaret instilled in her family the importance of education and striving to do your best in whatever endeavor you undertook. She also believed you should be proud of your accomplishments but never forget where you came from and never think you are better than someone else. She was quick to call you out if she thought you got "too big for your britches".

Survivors include her son David J. Bancroft and husband John M. Nickulas of Kennebunkport, Maine; her daughter Robin L. Bancroft of Fairhaven, MA; a sister Joan M. Vlcek of Fairhaven, MA; her sisters-in-law Mary Ann Bancroft, and Irene Bancroft; her brother-in-law John Bancroft and his wife Carol Bancroft of Dartmouth, MA; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband David A. Bancroft who died in 2005 who she shared 43 years of marriage; her son Michael A. Bancroft who died in 1996 at the age of 26; her sisters Alice C. Walsh, Elizabeth Vera and Catherine Perkins; brother-and-sisters-in-law Lawrence Vera, Joseph Vlcek, Arthur and Claire Bancroft; William and Jeanne Bancroft; Robert and June Bancroft; Paul Bancroft; Richard and Eleanor Bancroft; James and Connie Bancroft and Donald

Bancroft.

Her children would like to extend tremendous thanks and gratitude to the staff at both the Residence at Cedar Dell and Sacred Heart Home who showed love and care for her these past years.

Visiting Hours will be held on Wednesday March 11th from 4-7 pm. Her Funeral will be held on Friday March 13th at 9 am from Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park Street, New Bedford, followed by her Funeral Mass at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 121 Mt Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA at 10 am. A private burial will follow at the family plot in Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made online or via check to the Louis T Graves Memorial Library, 18 Maine Street, PO Box 391, Kennebunkport, ME 04046, or the Pan-Mass Challenge - Jimmy Fund, 77 4th Avenue, Needham, MA 02494.



Roger E. Ouellette, 79, died February 3, 2026 in Mattapoisett. Roger was born in Wareham, MA on November 5, 1946. He was the son of the late Roger and Gladys (Briggs) Ouellette. Roger, known by his family and friends as "Rog", was raised in Marion, MA. He was a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School where he played football and ice hockey.

Upon graduation Roger enrolled in the University of Montana. After a brief time there he joined the US Marine Corps. Roger served four years in the US Marine Corps and fought in the Vietnam war. Mr. Ouellette was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Combat Aircrew Insignia, Presidential Unit Citation, Rifle Marksman Badge. He was honorably discharged on Nov 4, 1970 having attained the rank of Sgt/E5.

After his discharge from the Marine Corps, Roger worked various jobs including special needs aide in the Wareham Public Schools, computer technician at St. Lukes Hospital where he started his interest in computers, operating systems and software and massage therapist. He also worked as a ground's keeper at the Maharishi Ayurveda Health Center in Lancaster, MA. The health center catered to various celebrities. A few were Elizabeth Taylor, Michael Jackson and George Harrison of the Beatles, whom Roger met.

Roger took an interest in soccer when his daughter Aimee started playing. He later coached the Wareham High School girls' soccer team for five years. Roger developed a keen interest in weather, environment, space and astronomy. He enjoyed riding his bike, especially on the Mattapoisett Rail Trail.

After Roger's father passed, Roger took over tending to his father's back yard garden. He took pleasure in growing

able to paint in Detroit and Las Vegas. One year is not nearly enough time to cover the ground I had intended with "Cross Country," but the assignment nevertheless gave me an abundance of options to explore. The Location Series is meant to highlight all there is that is explorable, near and far. I'm interested in going to places and looking for paintings.

Lou Schellenberg (downstairs at the MAC) shares paintings that are inspired by decades spent along the Northeast coast from Massachusetts and Maine to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. She is a visual artist who divides her year painting in Pennsylvania, and Nova Scotia, Canada. Lou was raised in NY and New England and has a deep connection to the northeast coast. Living both rural and city experiences have influenced her life and work. For over thirty years Schellenberg's landscape paintings have combined observation and invention, creating paired down compositions of dwellings and structures in the landscape and her surroundings.

After receiving an MFA (SUNY Albany), she moved to Pennsylvania and taught as an Associate Prof of Art for 20 years.

Schellenberg has exhibited in numerous group and solo shows in the US and Canada. Her paintings and public commissions are in many collections including Penn Medicine, The Milton S Hershey Medical Center and LL Bean, Maine. Her artwork is currently represented by The Willard Gallery in Maine, Blue Print Gallery in Dallas Texas, Warm Springs Gallery in Virginia and Keisendahl and Calhoun, PA.

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Roger is survived by his daughter Aimee Chavez of Pembroke Pines, Florida and four grandchildren: Carolina, Gabriela, Hector and Isabella. Roger is also survived by his sister, Judy (Ouellette) Demers and her husband, Daniel of Ipswich, MA. and two nieces and five great nieces and nephews.

A graveside funeral service with military honors will be held Saturday, March 21st at 11 am at the Old Landing Cemetery, Spring Street, Marion, MA. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Mattapoissett Council on Aging (17 Barstow Street, P.O. Box 528, Mattapoissett, MA 02739).

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***The Bride!* Starring Jessie Buckley and Christian Bale. Directed by Maggie Gyllenhaal. Running time: 126 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

One of the terrible things about Paramount's acquisition of Warner Brothers is that Warner's reputation as a studio sympathetic to oddball (and expensive) film visions seems in jeopardy. Warner, after all, has released two of Oscar's frontrunners (*Sinners* and *One Battle After Another*), as well as the surprise hit (and decidedly oddball) *Wuthering Heights* ... and, yes, Maggie Gyllenhaal's *The Bride!* I'm glad this frenetically shambolic thing exists, especially since it's been scandalizing critics from coast to coast. Like *Wuthering Heights*, another singularly female vision (Emerald Fennell), *The Bride!* seems almost a self-willed cult film, aimed at a small crowd who will embrace its thorns and all, and defiantly heedless of the rest.

A synopsis would probably be folly, but I can at least try to set it up. The ghost of Mary Shelley (Jessie Buckley) takes over the body of apparent gangster's moll Ida (also Buckley) in 1936 Chicago. Ida soon dies. Meanwhile, the creation (Christian Bale) of Victor Frankenstein, who calls himself Frank, visits a "mad scientist" named Cornelia Euphronius (Annette Bening), who has studied the work of Frankenstein. Frank wants a mate, and he and Dr. Euphronius dig up Ida and shock her back to "life." Frank and Ida, who takes the name Penelope, fall madly in love. They go to a lot of movies together and would be fine if they weren't accosted by louts and mobsters, and after a while they go on the lam.

Some of *The Bride!* is awful, and some of it gives off a glittering vibe you won't see anywhere else, except maybe in the more feverish movies by Derek Jarman. On the evidence, Gyllenhaal is a better director than writer; she can forge and sustain a mood, and she gets cult-iconic performances out of Buckley and Bale. Yet the script is quite consciously bonkers, anachronistic and veering from plot point to plot point. It's a mad ball, with singing and dancing and tips of the hat to any number of *Frankenstein* films. But it's



also joined to a story trying on various serious notions about consent and desperation, and dropping them in favor of the next shiny object. What Gyllenhaal is attempting here wouldn't work if handled more precisely, but it's tough not to feel that she doesn't do justice to some of the ideas she raises.

The crime element of *The Bride!* may seem shopworn, but it addresses how women in particular are mauled body and soul by the gangster milieu. The lovers are pursued by a pair of detectives, Wiles (Peter Sarsgaard) and Malloy (the apparently ageless Penelope Cruz), and Wiles delivers a sad tale indicating that men, too, are pulverized by gang violence, while women like the Bride and Euphronius and Malloy manage to exist in the chaos and impose their will on it. That seems to be the movie's primary point, if there is one: If life and the world are crazy, create your own flavor of crazy in opposition.

As long as it is indeed in opposition. There's a plot thread about a female revolution inspired by the Bride that Gyllenhaal more or less loses track of, but it's a fun part of the tapestry while it lasts. *The Bride!* speaks of lives lived in self-defense, misfits and "monsters" trying to maintain their identities in a world that would rather extinguish them. Some of the film is pitched like a *Bikini Kill* album, a piercing and threatening shriek of contempt and fury. It will drive a certain kind of viewer up the wall, but it doesn't necessarily reward the like-minded, either. We don't get much of a sense of what Ida was like before Shelley and then Frank came into her life; we seem to hear in much more detail about Frank's loneliness in *his* introductory scene. I wouldn't be surprised if there's a director's cut that stretches about three hours. Whether that ever gets released by whatever Warner Brothers has become is a dispiriting question.

opportunities, and previous applicants and recipients are welcome to reapply.

Applications and eligibility requirements are available at: tricontysymphonicband.org/scholarships-grants/ The application deadline is Wednesday, **April 1**.

The Vox Hunters

Back by popular demand, The Vox Hunters (Benedict Gagliardi, Armand Aromin, and Flannery Brown) will return to the Mattapoisett Museum for a free concert on Saturday, **March 14**



at 2:00 pm. Playing a mixture of Celtic tunes, songs from America's past, and toe-tapping dance tunes, The Vox Hunters encourage audience participation and singing along, the louder, the better. No tickets or pre-registration is needed for this free concert. However, donations at the door will be gratefully accepted. The Mattapoisett Museum is found at 5 Church Street, Mattapoisett. Doors will open at 1:15 pm. Don't miss this fun and exciting concert.

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TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights March 1 – March 7

- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – General offense
- Gifford's Corner Rd – General service
- Bell Guzzle Ln – General service
- County Rd – General service
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV complaint
- Riverview Ln – Health/welfare
- Mill St – General service
- Front St – MV stop/citation
- County Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Identity theft
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person
- Point Rd – MV collision
- County Rd – General service
- Oakdale Ave – Animal control
- Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – MV collision
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- River Rd – General service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Pleasant St – General service
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Fire alarm

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 1 – March 7

- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Fieldstone Dr – Health/welfare
- Hammond St – Unwanted person
- North St - Complaint
- County Rd – Property lost
- Marion Rd - Complaint
- Upland Way – 911 calls for fire
- Reservation Rd – Officer wanted
- Holly Ln – 911 call
- Prince Snow Cir – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Shore Dr – General service
- Cedarcrest Ave - Health/welfare
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Church St – Ambulance request
- County Rd – Restraining order
- North St – MV violations
- Winnatuxett Beach Rd - Disturbance
- Wildwood Ter – Medical alarm
- Randall Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- North St - Disturbance
- North St – Restraining order
- Antassawamock Rd - Notification
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist citizen
- 195 East – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious persons
- Fairhaven Rd - MV violations
- Chapel Rd – General service

ROCHESTER

Log highlights March 1 – March 7

- Marion Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – MV stop
- Randall Rd - Medical
- Snows Pond Rd – Firearms licensing
- North Ave - Investigation
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity
- Noble Rd – Fire alarm
- Snipatuit Rd - Disturbance
- Paradise Ln – MV collision
- Featherbed Ln – 911 call
- Randall Rd – Follow up
- New Bedford Rd – Medical alarm
- Randall Rd – General services
- Robinson Rd – Road hazard
- New Bedford Rd – General services
- North Ave – Animal control
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Inside investigation
- Hartley Rd – MV collision
- Benson Rd – Public assist
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- North Ave – MV collision
- Hartley Rd – Burglar alarm
- Pierce St – Animal control
- Hartley Rd – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Clapp Rd – MV stop
- Stevens Rd – Suspicious activity

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, March 16: Herb crusted fish w/lemon, rice pilaf, broccoli, wheat roll, pound cake, diet: fruit

Tuesday, March 17: Cheese ravioli, turkey bolognese, parmesan cheese, brussel sprouts, wheat bread, vanilla pudding, diet: fruit

Wednesday, March 18: Corned beef & cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, wheat roll, shamrock cookie

Thursday, March 19: Stewed tomato chicken, white rice, vegetable medley, whole grain cornbread, orange

Friday, March 20: Egg & cheese, broccoli bake, whole grain biscuit. Mixed vegetables, banana

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, March 16: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup

Tuesday, March 17: Loaded tater tot nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, March 18: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage

links, tater tots, cheese stick

Thursday, March 19: Creamy mac & cheese w/side of whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, carrots

Friday, March 20: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, March 16: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup

Tuesday, March 17: Loaded tater tot nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, March 18: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tater tots, cheese stick

Thursday, March 19: Creamy mac & cheese w/side of whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, carrots

Friday, March 20: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, March 16: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade

chicken noodle soup

Tuesday, March 17: Loaded tater tot nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, March 18: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tater tots, cheese stick

Thursday, March 19: Creamy mac & cheese w/side of whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, carrots

Friday, March 20: Hot buffalo chicken dip served w/whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, March 16: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup

Tuesday, March 17: Loaded tater tot nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, March 18: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tater tots, cheese stick

Thursday, March 19: Creamy mac & cheese w/side of whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, carrots

Friday, March 20: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad,

assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, March 16: Grilled cheese sandwich, homemade chicken noodle soup

Tuesday, March 17: Loaded tater tot nachos, warm soft pretzel

Wednesday, March 18: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, tater tots, cheese stick

Thursday, March 19: Creamy mac & cheese w/side of whole grain crispy chicken nuggets, carrots

Friday, March 20: Cheese pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, March 16: Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll

Tuesday, March 17: Hot do, baked beans & fries

Wednesday, March 18: Bagel pizza & side salad

Thursday, March 19: Appetizer sampler & carrot sticks

Friday, March 20: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

to attend the student presentations. To obtain a copy of the registration form or for more information, you can go to lindahannonart.com/bwaa-achievement-award/ or email LindaHannonArt@gmail.com.

Playwrights Incubator

The MAC is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 MTPI season. Applications are due by **March 31** at 11:59 pm. The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a program for first-time playwrights to see their work realized on the stage.

Finding theaters to produce new or unpublished plays can be an obstacle for any new playwright. The MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator is a structured program that aims to discover and support, through workshop and production, new stage plays by first time, unpublished regional playwrights.

Any new writer who has not yet been published or had a play produced is invited to submit her or his script or outline for consideration. There is no cost to participate in this program.

The mentors for this season are veteran mentor and MTPI founder Kate Fishman and director Brie Riccio. More information and the application can be found at marionartcenter.org/mtpi.

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Library on Sunday, **April 12** as we host our annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser at the Marion Music Hall in Marion.

Performer Sheryl Faye returns in "Liberty and Legacy" as Abigail Adams, one of the Founders of our country.

Guests are encouraged to wear festive hats and/or time period appropriate attire to add to the fun. Doors will open at 2:30 pm. Tea service starts promptly at 3pm. Finger sandwiches, scones, and desserts will be served. Performance will begin after teatime.

Tickets are \$45/per person.* You may purchase tickets in the library or online. Book Clubs are encouraged to purchase a table to sit together.

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ACROSS

- 1 Lack of vitality
7 Neighbor of Florida
14 Garlicky sauces
20 In a rational manner
21 Unexpired driver's license, e.g.
22 Well-spoken
23 Whole bunch of baby felines?
25 Regions, weatherwise
26 Some reddish deer
27 Sex educator Shere
28 Jokerster Jay
30 Viscous stuff
31 DVD- (data holders)
32 Make angry
33 Dogs that hunt egrets?
37 Fade away
38 B.A., e.g.
39 Corp. exec in charge of ads and branding
41 Locale
42 "Oh, gotcha"
43 Snacks that help physicists build atomic bombs?
47 Campus digs

- 49 Text-scanning device: Abbr.
50 French for "the king"
51 Head up
53 1890s veep Stevenson
55 Back of an overseas ship?
59 Entrepreneur Bezos who cooks sheep delicacies?
63 Tan-colored
64 "Ich bin — Berliner"
66 Actors Momoa and Statham
67 Frigid
68 Ladies who use Speed Stick?
72 — Newton
75 Shared a living space
77 Water, in Lille
78 2008 documentary about the national debt
80 Cover girl from a city in central Georgia?
84 Fire breather's parachute descent?
88 Flabbergast

- 89 Paddy food
91 — Park (Edison's home)
92 Machinery wheel
93 Unwell
97 Package shipped to singer Dolly?
102 From the top
104 En — (in full court)
106 Free TV spot, in brief
107 "I taut I — a puddly tatt!"
108 Med. group
109 Serenity in a rabbit colony?
112 Woodsy den
114 U-boats, e.g.
115 Feel unwell
116 Andean land
117 French essayist Simone
118 Singer Horne
119 Nag
122 Answer from poet Countee?
126 Greek goddess of wisdom
127 Phoenician goddess of fertility
128 "Could be"
129 Deny
130 Own

- 131 Atlantic City hotel/casino
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1 Request
2 Capital of Kenya
3 Buries
4 Doles (out)
5 Specks in la mer
6 "Anthem" author Rand
7 Benefit
8 Med. test worker
9 Balm additive
10 Playbill info
11 Befuddle
12 Some track runners
13 Lymphoid throat mass
14 Ravens' gp.
15 "Send me"
16 "Yes, yes!" in France
17 Food flatfish
18 Suffix with Benedict
19 Roads: Abbr.
24 Bun worn at the back of the neck
29 Savvy about
31 Fight arbiter
32 Co. shuffling
33 Expectation
34 That girl
35 Unstimulating java
36 Letter stroke

- 38 Protest at which people lie down
40 "Uncle" of old TV
44 Whole lot
45 U.S. spy gp.
46 "Uncle" of the U.S.
48 Singer Aimee
52 "Of the day," on menus
54 VIPs at raves
55 DOJ agency
56 Tolkien fiend
57 Crooner Orbison
58 Often-dinged car feature
60 — o'-shanter
61 Mao — -tung
62 Ending for ball or bass
65 DE-to-VT dir.
68 Dad's mate
69 Angry genre
70 Flanders of "The Simpsons"
71 Fishing boots
72 Animal's coat
73 The same: Prefix
74 Hiatus
75 Cartoonist Chast
76 Wallet bills
78 Spouse's father, e.g.
79 Bad smell
80 Kind of parrot

- 81 Refrigerator brand
82 Reluctant to be filmed
83 Glass edge
85 Latin "I love"
86 Non-Jewish
87 Comparable (with)
90 Robin's wear
94 "Son of," in Arabic
95 Al who drew Lil' Abner
96 Patella
98 Natural gifts
99 England-to-France connector
100 Envoy's residence
101 — Angeles
103 Authors
105 David of "NYPD Blue"
110 Justice Kagan
111 Niche sects
113 Buenos —
114 Capital of South Korea
117 Existed
118 Meg Mallon's gp.
119 Wok, e.g.
120 Greek vowel
121 Light beam
123 Notes before tis
124 Sis, e.g.
125 Swirly letter

SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep an open mind about a suggestion that you see as unworkable. Give it a chance to prove itself one way or another. The results could surprise both supporters and detractors.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about an upcoming venture causes you to make some last-minute adjustments in your plans. But the extra work will pay off as you come to learn more about the potential benefits of opening up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A more positive aspect grows out of your determination to reach your immediate goals. Continue to keep your focus sharp and on target by steering clear of petty quarrels and other pesky problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Avoid adding to an already turbulent situation by acting as a voice of reason. You might have to shout over the tumult, but your words will ultimately be heard and heeded.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The possibility of a new acquisition always makes LEO online eyes light up. But be careful that what you see is what you want. Appearances can often be deceiving.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) No matter how much you might feel that you're in the right, resist saying anything that could reignite a still-unresolved situation. Let the matter drop and move on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Help with a personal problem comes from an unexpected source. You might also find that workplace pressures easing. Use this period of calm to restore your spent energies.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to share the credit for a project that you're working on. But there'll be enough credit to go around, and your efforts will be recognized and rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Details need to be dealt with before you can move on to another area. Make sure you don't leave any loose ends that could later cause everything to unravel.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) News about a change in the workplace carries with it a challenge you could find difficult to resist. Check it out. It could be what you've been waiting for.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Allowing your artistic nature to fully express itself will help restore your spirits and put you in the mood to take on a new career challenge. Meanwhile, a LIBRA creates excitement.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Expect to happily plunge right into a hectic social whirl starting at the week's end. Your aspects favor new friendships, as well as the strengthening of old relationships.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your spiritual strength is an inspiration to others. You give people around you the faith to go after what they want.
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Online tickets will be available for purchase soon on the library website. Navigate to the Friends of the Elizabeth Taber library page and as soon as online sales are available, you will see a link. If you purchase tickets online, there is an additional convenience fee (no more than +/- \$3.00).

38th MYC Spring Round The Bay Race

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Hosts Round The Bay Regatta on **June 6**, This is the first race in the Buzzards Bay Trophy, The Spring Round-the-Bay Race is a "pursuit start" PHRF Handicap race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes. The course begins and finishes outside of Mattapoisett Harbor. This is the first race in series of long distance races sponsored by local yacht clubs to determine the overall winner of the 2026 Buzzards Bay Trophy. Scratch sheets will be available online. The entry fee is \$75.00 for both members and non-members.

New this year, double handed handicap class. Information and registration is now available on our website www.mattapoisettyc.org/racing.

Auditions at the MAC

The MAC will be auditioning for roles in the theater standard *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. Pippa Asker is directing the production. Auditions will be held on Saturday, **March 21**, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and on Sunday, **March 22**, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the MAC, 80 Pleasant St. Marion. There are nine performances: June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28; Fri/Sat evenings are at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees are at 2:00 pm.

Our Town is a tender, poetic exploration of everyday life, love, and loss in the fictional New England town of Grover's Corners. Told through the eyes of the omniscient Stage Manager, the play follows the daily routines of two neighboring families - the Gibbsses and the Webbs - as their children, George and Emily, grow up, fall in love, and confront the passage of time. With minimal scenery and a focus on language and imagination, *Our Town* invites audiences to notice the beauty in ordinary moments - shared meals, childhood friendships, and small-town rituals - and to reflect on what it truly means to be alive. Simple in form but profound in impact, the play remains one of the most beloved works in American theater.

More information on the audition process and the roles/sides can be found at marionartcenter.org/auditions.

Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee will hold a public meeting on Thursday, **March 19** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Neimad Facility, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. The monthly Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee (MRTC) meeting which is held every third Thursday is the venue to have your voice heard.

Here, in a friendly atmosphere we encourage community members to join the discussion, share their perspectives, and learn more about the vital issues that shape our future. Key discussion this month will focus on the local town elections in May along with the State Convention candidates and fall elections. Together we can ensure we keep Mattapoisett the best place to live, raise a family, work and play. It starts here at the neighborhood level. The evening will also feature light refreshments, a cash bar, and open conversation among community members. For more information, please contact: Paul Criscuolo, Co-Chairperson Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee Email: PCMattyGOP@proton.me Mail: 82 County Road PMB #17, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 Facebook: Facebook.com/MattapoisettGOP Twitter/X: @MattyMAGO.

Literary Society at the Mattapoisett Library

Young professionals and emerging adults, 20 and up, are invited to join us for the Literary Society's Mocktails and Mixology Masterclass on Tuesday, **March 31**, at 6:00 pm. Participants are in for a spirited (zero-proof.) evening of Literary Mocktails with Jonathan Pogash, founder of The Cocktail Guru, and author of the Mr. Boston Bartender's Guide 75th Anniversary Edition. Learn to craft sophisticated, book-inspired mocktails, mingle with new friends, and enjoy free snacks while trading book recommendations. Then chat with Jonathan during an exclusive book signing. Perfect for young

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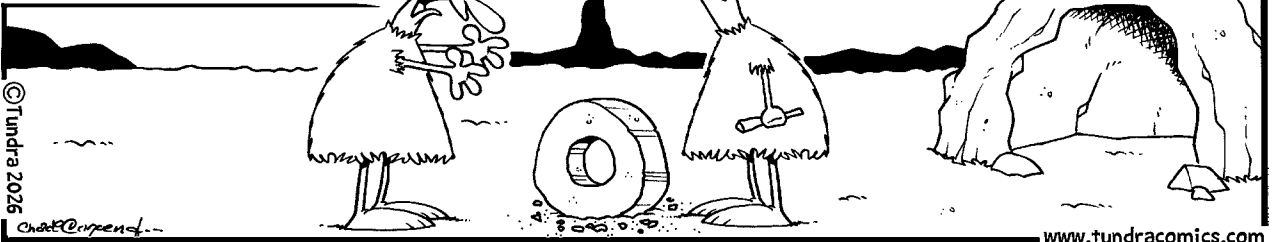
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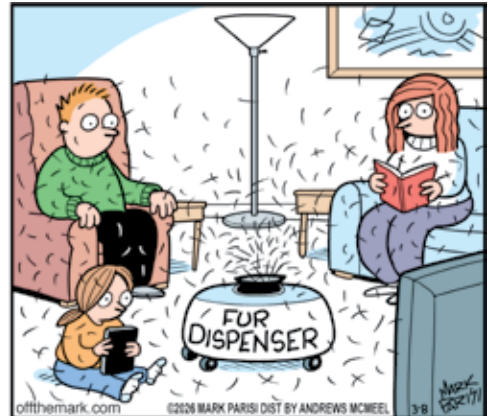
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book lovers and beverage enthusiasts 20 and up. No registration required.

Literary Society is a media mixer for young people in Mattapoisett and its surrounding areas to discuss books, TV shows, movies, and podcasts, and to hear what other similarly aged patrons are enjoying. We're committed to building community for the next generation of readers and leaders. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

St. Patrick's Day Story Time

Mattapoisett Land Trust is joining with the Mattapoisett Free Public Library for outdoor story time, a leprechaun loot hike and pea planting on St. Patrick's Day Tuesday, **March 17** at 10:00 am.

The adventure will begin at the Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. parking area (Angelica Ave.) with a leprechaun-themed story read by children's librarian Kevin Thompson. After the story, we will set off to find where the leprechauns have hidden their gold on this St. Patrick's Day. We'll take a short hike through the woods searching for golden chocolate coins. After our hike, we will continue the tradition of planting peas on St. Paddy's Day - each attendee can plant some peas and take them home to watch them grow this Spring. This event is free to all, please RSVP on our events page so the leprechauns know how much gold to hide: mattlandtrust.org/events. Dress accordingly for the weather and join us for some fun. Email manager@mattlandtrust.org with any questions.

Historical Presentation with the MWC

Author Dr. Alfred H. Saulniers, a native of Acushnet, will present a talk exploring the rich history of Franco-American communities in New Bedford from the 1600s through the 1930s at an upcoming Mattapoisett Woman's Club meeting on **March 19**. Interested residents are invited to attend this presentation.

Dr. Saulniers will highlight how French-speaking immigrants helped shape the social, economic, and political life of the city as it evolved from a thriving



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whaling port into a major textile manufacturing center. Dr. Saulniers' presentation tells a compelling story of resilience, adaptation, and quiet influence woven into the fabric of a constantly evolving city. Books will be available for purchase and signing following the presentation.

Visitors are welcome to attend this presentation which will begin at 11:30 am at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church in Reynard Hall. The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational and philanthropic organization. Membership is always open to local women who are interested in the objectives and mission of the organization. For more information or questions please contact info@mattapoisettwomensclub.org.



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TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #840 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Toll Northeast V. Corp., for a Special Permit under sections 230-2.3 and 230-6.1c of the zoning by-law to allow the alteration of a non-conforming structure dock. The property, located at 78 Wareham Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 7, as lots 24, 25, 27, 28c and 29. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 3/5, 3/12 TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #841 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Carol C. Amick and William Moonan, for a Special Permit under section and 230-6.1c(1) of the zoning by-law to allow the reconstruction of a non-conforming structure that will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood. The property, located at 14 Quelle Lane, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 14, as lots 170 and 171. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 3/5, 3/12 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm. * The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 19, 2026. Continuance of CASE #1585 from the Board of Appeals meeting on January 15, 2026. Petition of: Vera B. Gibbons, 9 Pearl Street, Mattapoisett, MA, also known as Plot 10, Lot 135 on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District VR-10. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 24103, Page 118. The owner wishes to construct a (1-story) 10' x 13.4' master-bedroom addition on the westerly side of the house. Thomas Lee & Patricia Lee, 14 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA, also known as Plot 9, Lot 114 on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District VR-10. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 59640, Page 301. The owner wishes to construct a new single-family house with an attached garage with a 2,834 sq. ft. footprint. Jeffrey A. & Julie A. Hayward, 18 Nashawena Road, Mattapoisett, MA, also known as Plot 15A, Lot 111 on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District W-30. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 40420, Page 51. The owner proposes to construct a 2-story garage with an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) above the exact general location of a 165 sq. ft. accessory shed, which will be demolished. The proposed living space floor area of the ADU will be 384 sq. ft. or 50% of the living space of the primary house (768 sq. ft.), the remaining 448 sq. ft. of the 2nd story. Amendment case #1576.	Patrick M. & Sharon J. Costello, 41 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA, also known as Plot 17, Lot 103 on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District RR-45. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 25419, Page 118. The property contains a lot area of 64,329 sq. ft. and is partially developed with a single-family dwelling. The property has 223.95' of frontage along Fairhaven Road (Rt. 6) and 147.44' of frontage along Wildwood Terrace. The applicants are requesting to re-divide the property to construct a house on the northerly portion of the property abutting Wildwood Terrace. The Lot Division Plan depicts two lots, Lot #1 with 19,270 sq. ft. and 147.44' of frontage along Wildwood Terrace, and Lot #2 with 45,059 sq. ft. of lot area and 223.95' of frontage along Fairhaven Road. It should be noted that per the Plan, the existing house and deck will be demolished, and a new dwelling will be constructed in the same general location, at the top of the knoll. Additionally, the new house's location will comply with all current building setback requirements. 3/5, 3/12 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT REQUEST FOR BIDS CONCESSIONS AT SHIPYARD PARK PARKING LOT The Town of Mattapoisett is seeking bids for the awarding of a three-year agreement for the operation of a seasonal concession at the Shipyard Park Parking Lot. A set of bid criteria and conditions of the proposal is available online by going to the Town of Mattapoisett website at www.mattapoisett.gov All persons interested in submitting a proposal should mail/drop off such to Town of Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, PO Box 435, marked "Concession Bid" and shall be post-marked no later than April 3, 2026. Town Administrator's Office 3/5, 3/12 TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 4:45 pm in the conference room of the Marion Police Department at 550 Mill Street to amend the Marion Sanitary Code (MSC) regulation Section 8 entitled "Food Service". A copy of the proposed changes to the regulation is available from the Board of Health office. Albin R. Johnson III, Chair 3/12, 3/19 TOWN OF MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified of the public hearing of the Marion School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2026-2027 school year at 6:00 pm, on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. This hybrid meeting will be held at Sippican School located at 16 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom. https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/95561881344?pwd=OxKszymWvS8ZMw4qrs4PR5MgaDhcal.1 Meeting ID: 955 6188 1344 Passcode: 798324 Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956 with any questions. 3/12	TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified of the PUBLIC HEARING of the Mattapoisett School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2026-2027 school year at 6:00 pm, on Thursday, March 19, 2026. This hybrid meeting will be held at Center School located at 16 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. 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**From the Files of the
Rochester Historical Society
By Connie Eshbach**

In addition to all the history that we have stored in the Rochester Historical Museum, history can also be found at the Rochester Plumb Library, and not all of it is within the building. If you walk around outside the library building (not recommended with up to 2 ft. of snow on the ground), you will notice quite a few plaques commemorating a variety of subjects.

One item on the edge of the property has a different purpose. There is a granite post with symbol placed on top, as seen here in the picture. This is a waymark or benchmark.



Many people finding these along the road or in one case as part of a stonewall may assume that they are distance markers that let one know how far to the next town. This certainly seems like a plausible explanation.

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seawall consisting of resetting the existing boulders to tighten up the wall. The proposed work will be performed on a Coastal Bank, Coastal Beach and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (EL. 21). The property is located at 2 West Silver Shell Avenue which is further identified as Lot #141 on Assessors Map #5A. 3/12 ----- TOWN OF ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified of the public hearing of the Rochester School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2026-2027 school year at 6:00 pm, on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. This hybrid meeting will be held at the Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, Rochester, MA 02770. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom. https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/95561881344?pwd=OxKszymWvS8ZMw4qrs4PR5MgaDhcal.1 Meeting ID: 955 6188 1344 Passcode: 798324 Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956 with any questions. 3/12 ----- TOWN OF ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified of the public hearing of the Rochester School Com-	mittee regarding school choice for the 2026-2027 school year at 7:00 pm, on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. This hybrid meeting will be held at Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, Rochester, MA 02770. Public is able to attend in person or via zoom. https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/95561881344?pwd=OxKszymWvS8ZMw4qrs4PR5MgaDhcal.1 Meeting ID: 955 6188 1344 Passcode: 798324 Please contact the Superintendent's Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956 with any questions. 3/12 ----- TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Alexandra S. Ablon Trust. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information. The Applicant proposes to perform site improvements which include but are not limited to the construction of a new driveway, patio and walkways and the installation of various landscape features. The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The property is located at 4 Island View Avenue which is further identified as Lots #46 &	#47 on Assessors Map #14A. 3/12 ----- TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm for a Notice of Intent submitted by Shelly A. & Vincent J. Mondo III, 26 Sagamore Road, Assessors Map 15A, Lot 54, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicants propose to construct an attached 2-car garage with great room above to service the existing single-family dwelling with self-supported deck and sun room within a FEMA Flood Zone VE (EL 15). 3/12 ----- TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 4:40 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Police Station at 550 Mill Street on the variance request submitted by Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 162 Point Road, further identified as Map 1, Lot 15. The following variances are requested from Title 5 of the State Environmental Code: 310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater: Leaching Area separation from Seasonal High Groundwater. Request a 2-foot separation vs. 4-foot requirement as allowed by DEP with the use of an Eljen GFS Leaching System for Remedial Use.

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310 CMR 15.227: Placement and Construction of Tees.

Request Inlet and Outlet Tees <12" above Seasonal High Groundwater. Monolithic tanks and cast in place rubber boots provided. Albin R. Johnson III, Chair 3/12, 3/19

TOWN OF MARION COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Friday March 20, 2025 beginning at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Marion Police Station Conference Room. The meeting will also be available via remote format. Please contact the committee chair, Will Tiftt, at CommunityPreservation@marionma.gov for log-in details.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

- Review, amend and approve minutes of the February 20, 2026 meeting.
 - Review and discuss applications for CPA funding. Vote to present applications for consideration at annual town meeting, draft warrant articles. The following applications will be considered
 - o Town of Marion - Restoration and Stabilization of Soldiers and Sailors Monument
 - o Town of Marion - Washburn Park Bathhouse Renovation (Design),
 - o Town of Marion - Silvershell Beach Bathhouse Renovation (Design),
 - o Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee - Point Road Bike Path Extension to Creek Road
 - o Sippican Lands Trust - Sparrow Mill Hiking Trails and Interpretive Signs
 - Consider request to extend the spending period for one previous CPA award. Vote to present at annual town meeting, draft warrant articles. Shared Use Path Easements Appraisals – extend until June 30, 2027
- Will Tiftt, CPC Chair 3/12, 3/19

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Tracey White.

The Applicant proposes to construct a 12' wide x 32' long in-ground swimming pool with a perimeter patio within an open lawn area.

The proposed work will be performed

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within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a Coastal Beach and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 18).

The property is known as 70 Aucoot Road and is further identified as Lot #87 on Assessors Map #3.

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 3/12

TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Theresa Fitzpatrick, for the demolition of an existing house and rebuilding a new house on a flood zone-conforming foundation at 27 Beach Street.

The site is further identified as Lot 55 on Marion Assessors' Map 17. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair

*Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marionma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 3/12

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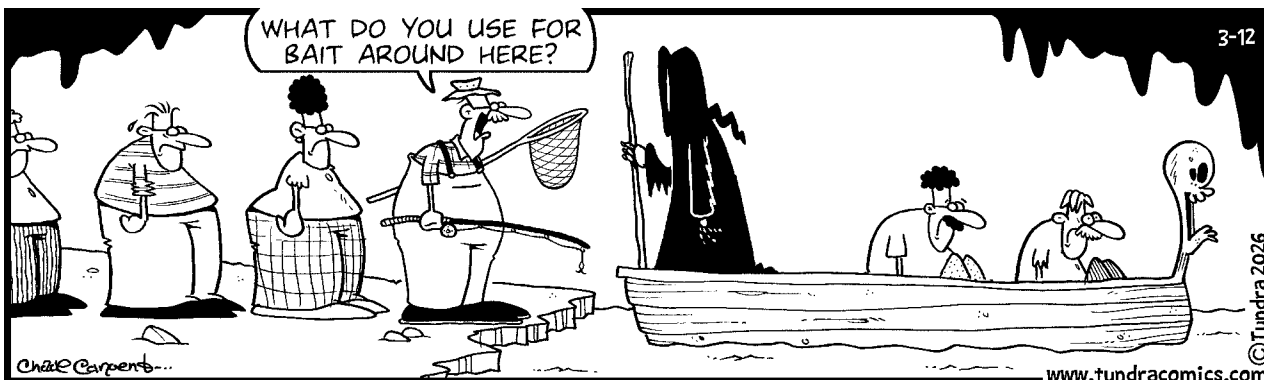
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The application form is available on the Mattapoisett Historical Commission website. Once completed it should be returned to: Mattapoisett Historical Commission, 16 Main St., Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Please see the Mattapoisett Historical Commission website under www.Mattapoisett.gov for further information.

Marion Brush Drop Off

The Marion Department of Public Works will be accepting brush, limbs and branches that fell during the Blizzard of 2026. This service is for Marion residents only. A valid 2026 Transfer Station Sticker is required.

The brush, limbs and branches will be accepted at the Department of Public Works (DPW) Operations Facility, 60 Benson Brook Road on the following dates and times:

- Saturday **March 14** - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Saturday **March 21** - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Saturday **March 28** - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Saturday **April 4** - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

No other dates and/or times will drop offs be allowed. The DPW will not be conducting curb side pick-up.

Marion Democratic Town Committee

Rep. Mark Sylvia will speak at 5:30 pm, Thursday, **March 19**, at the monthly meeting of the Marion Democratic Town Committee. It will be held in the Community Room at the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street. The public is welcome to attend and ask the Representative questions about our community, and how we might be best served by our legislators.

Community Egg Hunt

The Early Childhood Education Program at Old Rochester Regional High School will host its First Annual Community Egg Hunt on Saturday, **April 4** at 11:00 am in the high school courtyard. Families are invited to enjoy a festive morning featuring an egg hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny, and a student-run bake sale. Organized by students in the school's Chapter 74 Early Childhood Education program, the event provides hands-on experience in family engagement and event planning. Admission is \$5 cash per child at the door, and in the event of rain the event will move to the high school gymnasium. The event will take place at Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, and families can reserve their spot at www.eventbrite.com.

[com/e/1982883819883](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/1982883819883).

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Do you like knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, or crocheting? Join our newest club. Meet new people, share fiber art project ideas, work with others, and share some laughs. Fiber Arts Club meets every Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Adult Readers' Advisory Group will meet **March 24** at 11:00 am. If you enjoy discussing reading or books, join our Adult Readers' Advisory group for popular book ideas, to see what others are reading, and to explore new genres.

The library will be hosting an interactive community conversation on Pi Day, Saturday **March 14** starting at 11:00 am. What new programs, services, and offerings would you like to have at the Elizabeth Taber Library? Join the library for a pie tasting and a fun and engaging conversation about the future of the library.

If you enjoy discussing reading or books, try our Adult Readers' Advisory group, every 4th Wednesday starting **March 24** at 11:00 am for popular book ideas, to see what others are reading, and to explore new genres.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is excited to announce that we'll be hosting acrobat Li Liu on Saturday, **March 28** at 1:00 pm on the Marion Music Hall. Join us to see Li's performance and to learn about the traditions of



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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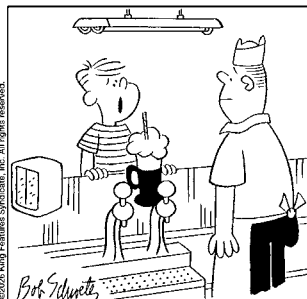
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TODAY'S WORD



"I'm not used to eating lunch like this —
what's for _____?"

Chinese acrobatics. This program is for all ages and is free to attend.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

Town of Marion Special Town Meeting

The Town of Marion will hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday, **March 23** at 6:45 pm in the Sippican School Multipurpose Room. Copies of the Warrant will be mailed to voters, and it is currently available to view on the Town's website at marionma.gov.

ORCTV Annual Meeting

ORCTV will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, **April 9** at the ORCTV studio. The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm and will include the election of officers to the Old Rochester Community Television Board of Directors. All current ORCTV station members are invited and encouraged to attend.

2026 Board of Director's Nomination Slate
Marion Nominee - Phil Sanborn - 2 yr. term
Rochester Nominee - Nancy Sparklin - 2 yr. term
Mattapoisett Nominee - Chris Charyk - 2 yr. term
Membership Seat - Linda Mederios - 1 yr. term

Knit or Crochet for a Cause

The Rochester Town Democratic Committee (RDTC) is asking local knitters and crocheters to lend their skills to support the Committee's March fundraiser. The RDTC is raising money to support The Community Economic Development Center of New Bedford by selling handcrafted hats based on the Norwegian red hat (nisselue), a historical symbol of Norwegian national identity. These hats were banned by the occupying Nazi authorities during WWII when they were worn by Norwegians as a form of resistance and defiance. The symbol has recently resurfaced as a nod to that history and solidarity. Making and wearing these hats has gained momentum in Minnesota and across the country as part of the "Melt the ICE" campaign.

Please visit the RDTC website www.rochesterdems.com/ for specific information on how to get involved.

Mariner Youth Soccer Club Annual Meeting

The Mariner Youth Soccer Club's Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, **March 31** at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. All members are welcome to attend.

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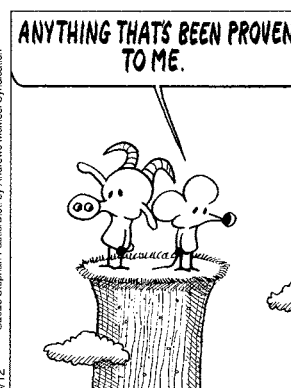
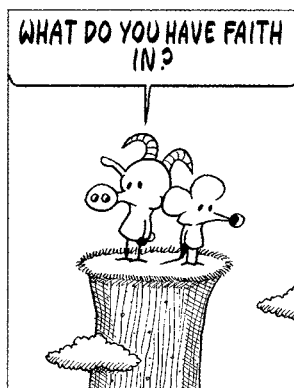
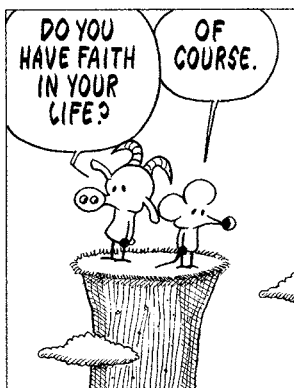
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Sippican Historical Society

Whether March comes in like a lamb or lion, two events presented by the Sippican Historical Society (SHS) this month will give you new historical perspectives.

On **March 19**, textile curator Madelyn Shaw connects war, wool and economics with what we wear today. With co-author Trish FitzSimons, Shaw wrote *Fleeced*, which ties the Australian, New Zealand, English and American wool economy over the past 150 years. This Speaker Series presentation is open to all and will occur at the Marion Music Hall on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 pm.

"One of our members attended Ms. Shaw's talk in Rhode Island and found it fascinating," said Executive Director Alanna Nelson. "The book really opened my eyes to connections I'd never considered. SHS will have copies of *Fleeced* to purchase after the talk."

On Tuesday, **March 24**, SHS will host a watch party for the panel discussion "The Past Is Now." Featuring four indigenous speakers of Wampanoag and Nipmuc tribes discussing King Philip's War (1675-1676), the live event occurs at the Cambridge Public Library. Enjoy a social evening in a small group to learn about southeastern Massachusetts history. Seats are limited so RSVP now to info@sippicanhistoricalsociety.org for this event on March 24 at 5:30 pm at the SHS.

The Sippican Historical Society, located at 141 Front Street in Marion, is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to documenting and celebrating the history of Marion, Massachusetts. Thanks to its members, these events are free and open to all. Donations are always welcome. For more information, go to www.sippicanhistoricalsociety.org.

SWC Women's Health Presentation

The Sippican Woman's Club will hold its monthly General Meeting on Friday, **March 13** at 12:00 pm at Handy's Tavern in Marion. In recognition of Women's History Month, the Club is pleased to welcome Amy Vieira, FNP-BC of Safe Harbor Wellness as guest speaker.

The afternoon will begin with a light luncheon, followed by a brief business meeting and a special presentation focused on women's health and wellness. Guests are welcome to attend.

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The Sippican Woman's Club invites members, friends, and community guests to join this informative and timely program as the Club celebrates Women's History Month and its mission of education, service, and community engagement.

To Register and/or for more information about the Sippican Woman's Club, visit www.sippicanwomensclub.org.

Mattapoisett Census and Dog License

The annual census forms for the Town of Mattapoisett were mailed out in January. If you have not returned your form yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please review the information and make any necessary changes. According to Massachusetts General Laws, failure to respond to the census may cause you to be made an inactive voter.

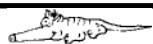
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	March 12	3:00	3:26	9:48	9:16
Friday	March 13	4:04	4:31	10:58	10:35
Saturday	March 14	5:11	5:34	11:44	11:34
Sunday	March 15	6:04	6:24		12:22
Monday	March 16	6:48	7:07	12:21	12:55
Tuesday	March 17	7:29	7:48	1:05	1:28
Wednesday	March 18	8:09	8:30	1:48	2:02
Thursday	March 19	8:52	9:12	2:32	2:38
Friday	March 20	9:36	9:57	3:16	3:15
Saturday	March 21	10:23	10:44	4:00	3:54
Sunday	March 22	11:13	11:36	4:43	4:36
Monday	March 23		12:08	5:30	5:21
Tuesday	March 24	12:33	1:07	6:25	6:13
Wednesday	March 25	1:35	2:08	8:10	7:19
Thursday	March 26	2:39	3:12	10:10	8:56
Friday	March 27	3:48	4:20	11:14	10:52
Saturday	March 28	4:59	5:26		12:03
Sunday	March 29	6:02	6:24		12:42
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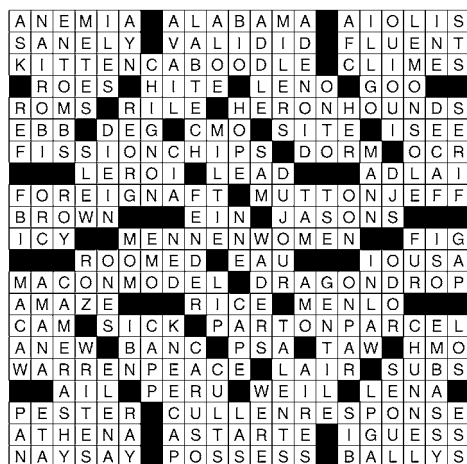
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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Curse; 2. Chord
3. Teach; 4. Stench

Today's Word
DESSERT

Sudoku Answer

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7	4	8	5	6	9	1	2	3
6	1	3	7	2	4	8	9	5
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Sweet Raspberries** **2/\$7**



**3 lb. Pkg.
Cara Cara Oranges** **\$4⁹⁹**

**Fresh
Broccoli Crowns** **\$2⁹⁹_{lb}**

**Fresh
Peaches** **\$2⁹⁹_{lb}**

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